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APPLICANT(S): Chanduszko *et al.* CONFIRMATION NO.: 4893
SERIAL NO.: 10/660,444 GROUP NO.: 3731
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. In accordance with the U.S. Patent Office's partial waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i), only copies of the foreign patent documents and non-patent publications are enclosed.

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It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.

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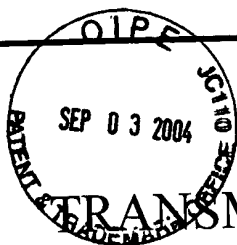

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TRANSMITTAL FORM

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	B8	WO 9918864	4/22/99	PCT		10/9/98	N	Y
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